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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 19, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that John Johnson was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez, Chief United States District Court Judge, to serve 70 months in federal custody, based on Johnson's conviction for conspiracy to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. In addition to the 70-month sentence, Judge Gonzalez ordered that Johnson serve a 3-year term of supervised release following prison.

During the sentencing hearing, Judge Gonzalez specifically found that Johnson, working in conjunction with others named in the indictment, engaged in a conspiracy to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. Johnson pled guilty on February 27, 2006, and admitted that during 2003, he and others charged in the indictment shipped and conspired to ship approximately 6 kilograms of cocaine from the San Diego area to Hawaii, where Johnson and others would then distribute the drug.

Co-defendant Charles H. Gonzales, Jr. pled guilty on April 12, 2005, to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. He was sentenced on July 15, 2005, to serve 10 years in prison and a 5-year term of supervised release.

Co-defendant Salvador Raul Ruiz pled guilty on November 8, 2004, also to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. He was sentenced on October 3, 2005, to serve 70 months in prison and a 5-year term of supervised release.

Co-defendant Jason Bourque pled guilty on September 15, 2005, to possession of 2 kilograms of cocaine with intent to distribute. He was sentenced on March 13, 2006, to serve 60 months in prison and a 4-year term of supervised release.

Co-defendant Travis Bonnell pled guilty on July 5, 2005, to money laundering. He was sentenced on November 14, 2005, to serve one year in prison and a 2-year term of supervised release.

DEFENDANT

John Johnson

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Conspiracy to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(a)(1) - (Count 1)

Maximum penalty is life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$4,000,000.

AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration

Narcotics Task Force

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement